

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 FREETO 00243 192059Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 INR-07
LAB-04 NSAE-00 SIL-01 /036 W
-----065984 192133Z /46-65

R 191255Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0000
INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 0243

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, SL
SUBJ: AALC PROBLEMS IN SIERRA LEONE

REF: STATE 13692

1. PRESIDENT STEVENS RECEIVED KILHEFNER AND ME JANUARY 19. ALSO PRESENT WAS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HARRY WILLIAMS. THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED THAT WE BEGIN THE MEETING WITH MR. KILHEFNER OUTLINING HIS ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA LEONE. THIS KILHEFNER DID, ADDING A FEW WORDS ABOUT HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE PRESIDENT REVIEWED, AS HE HAD WITH ME, THE SITUATION IN THE SIERRA LEONE TRADE UNION FIELD MENTIONING ONCE AGAIN THE THE SLLC ALMOST JOINED THE STUDENTS IN LAST YEAR'S DISTRUBANCES. HE WENT ON TO COMPLAIN THAT ONLY NOW DID HE "AT THE TOP" KNOW WHAT AALC IS DOING HERE. HE SAID HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME AGAIN AT A LATER DATE. MEANWHILE, HE ADDED, MR. KILHEFNER SHOULD CONTINUE WITH HIS ACTIVITIES AS BEFORE.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION I GAVE THE PRESIDENT A COPY OF A NEW BROCHURE OUTLINING AALC ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 FREETO 00243 192059Z

STRESSING AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE AALC IS AN EUXILIARY OF THE AFL/CIO AND THAT ITS BOARD IS HEADED BY GEORGE MEANY AND INCLUDES KEY AMERICAN LABOR FIGURES. I ALSO NOTED THAT AALC HAS A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF DISTINGUISHED AFRICAN TRADE UNIONISTS. I SAID THAT I KNEW THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS AWARE OF THE UNIQUE POSITION MR. MEANY OCCUPIED IN THE LABOR AND INDEED THE POLITICAL FIELDS IN THE UNITED STATES. I

ADDED THAT CLEARLY ANYTHING EFFECTING THE AALC OPERATIONS
IN SIERRA LEONE WOULD BE OF TREAT CONCERN TO MR. MEANY AND AFL/
CIO AS WELL AS THE US GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS HAD SECOND
THOUGHTS. THE FACT THAT WILLIAMS WAS PRESENT, WHEREAS THE OTHER
DAY I WAS RECEIVED ALONE, IMPLIED AN AWARENESS OF THE EFFECT
AALC'S REMOVAL FROM SIERRA LEONE MIGHT HAVE ON THE COUNTRY'S
RELATIONS WITH U.S. IT IS POSSIBLE, THOUGH I CANNOT AS BUT
ASSUME SO, THAT THE MATTER WILL NOT COME UP AGAIN. IN ANY
EVENT, KILHEFNER AND I AGREE THAT THE ODDS IN FAVOR OF AALC
SEEM BETTER NOW THAN TWO DAYS AGO.
LINEHAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: UNION GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978FREETO00243
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780029-0532
Format: TEL
From: FREETOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780146/aaaabmsq.tel
Line Count: 75
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 06ed3be2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 13692
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3749505
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AALC PROBLEMS IN SIERRA LEONE
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, SL, AALC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/06ed3be2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014